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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

DAVID CREWS, CLERK
By *Suey Long* Deputy

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 1:14-cr-00093-SA-DAS

VERONICA RICE

PLEA AGREEMENT

The United States Attorney hereby proposes to the Court a plea agreement to be filed in this cause under Rule 11(c) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Defendant has read and fully understands this plea agreement and approves same, realizing that the plea agreement is subject to acceptance or rejection by the Court. The plea agreement is as follows:

1. **GUILTY PLEA:** The defendant agrees to plead guilty under oath to Count One of the Indictment, which charges the defendant, aided and abetted by others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and for obtaining money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses and representations, and transmitted or caused to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate commerce writings, signs, signals, pictures and sounds for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice, in violation of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1343 which carries maximum possible penalties of not more than 20 years imprisonment, not more than 3 years supervised release, not more than \$250,000 fine, a special assessment of \$100 and restitution as appropriate.

2. **OTHER CHARGES:** The United States agrees not to charge the defendant with any other offenses arising from or related to the above charges.

3. **OTHER AUTHORITIES:** This agreement does not bind any prosecuting authority of any state or any other federal district, nor does it bind the Attorney General of the United States with regard to any matter, criminal or civil, involving federal tax laws. Nor does

this agreement bind the United States or any of its departments or agencies with regard to any civil or administrative actions or remedies.

4. VIOLATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT: If defendant violates this agreement, all statements made pursuant hereto will be admissible against defendant, who hereby waives the provisions of Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence. Defendant may also, in that event, be prosecuted for all federal offenses, including perjury and false statements relating to this plea agreement.

5. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Apart from being advised of the applicability of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, and other than as set forth elsewhere in the plea documents, no promise or representation whatsoever has been made to defendant as to what punishment the Court might impose if it accepts the plea of guilty. This agreement fully reflects all promises, agreements, and understandings between the defendant and the United States Attorney. The defendant's agreement is knowing, free, and voluntary, and not the product of force, threat, or coercion. The defendant is pleading guilty because defendant is in fact guilty.

This the 25th day of November, 2014.

Felicia C. Adams
FELICIA C. ADAMS
United States Attorney

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

Veronica Rice
VERONICA RICE
Defendant

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